# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1656
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GRAM CROP DESTROYED DUE TO SCARCITY OF WATER
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that the standing crop of Gram has been destroyed in Rajasthan due to scarcity of water;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government are considering to provide compensation and financial assistance to the affected farmer;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b) The Government of Rajasthan has informed that 89.47 lakh ha. croppedarea in the State has been affected due to the prevailing drought conditions, including area under Gram.

(c) to (e) Entire Central share of Calamity Relief Fund(CRF) for 2000-01 and25% advance of Central share of CRF for 2001-02 have been released to Rajasthan. In addition, Rs. 85 crore has been provided from the National Calamity ContingencyFund(NCCF) in the wake of drought. 1 lakh MT foodgrains have been allotted for Food for Work Programme, free of cost, besides feed-grade foodgrains as cattle feed. The National Agricultural Insurance Schemeprovides insurance coverage and financial support to the farmers in the event of failure of any of the notified crop as a result of natural calamities. Distribution of relief at the ground level is the responsibility of the State Government.